

## DOOM OF GUARD SEEN IN HAY ACT

Recruiting Virtually Has Ceased and Veterans Will Not Reenlist.

### OBJECT TO DUAL OATH

Men Returning From Texas Border See Only Hope in Compulsory Service.

What is the national defense act going to do, cure or kill the National Guard? That is the question which has presented itself to every guardman as soon as he has returned from the Texas border and has had time to look into the workings of the bill which President Wilson signed last June. In the first place, the new law has killed recruiting in the National Guard. In the second place, it has caused many a man, who served faithfully in the caucuses all summer and autumn, to avoid reenlistment. This applies to a great many men whose terms were up while they were on the border or after they returned home.

At the request of THE SUN, National Guard officers discussed yesterday the evil effects of the Hay law and frankly admitted that the guard is up against it. They were not alone in this. In the dying condition described by the regulars, but they could not get around the lack of recruiting and the failure of veterans to reenlist.

It is not only in this State that the National Guard is beginning to crumble. Outside of New York, regiments have refused to submit to the dual oath called for by the Federal Government. The office of the Adjutant-General, U. S. A., makes the estimate that 24,600 men now mustered in Federal service are still classed as "organized militia." The War Department served notice that unless these men, enough to make twenty-four peace strength regiments, they would be disbanded.

The pronounced reluctance of these 24,600 men to enter the Federal National Guard has led the War Department to extend the time for taking the oath. "Not only can the War Department dissolve a regiment for failure to become a Federal unit, but also for its neglect to live up to the standard. The National Guard of New York City will stand little chance of being passed by the War Department and being placed on the payroll if the statement made yesterday by Lieut.-Col. Merritt H. Smith, acting commander of the First Field Artillery, is a fair summary of present conditions.

**Little Interest in Drills.**

"I have heard that other organizations which came home ahead of us are taking very little interest in their drills. But that is natural. They are letting down after the strenuous work on the border."

"I have had no opportunity to judge as yet regarding the effect of the new law. I like all other National Guard officers, an awaiting developments. My regiment went to Texas and came back in good shape. It would go again if called upon. They did mighty good work and I heard no grumbling."

"But what about the number of recruits since mobilization?"

"We took down a lot with us, and fifty were sent down after we left. I don't know how many we have picked up since we returned."

Col. Willard C. Fisk of the Seventh Infantry was more specific about recruiting. He admitted that nothing has been done in that line. The fact is, as pointed out by the service journals, the Federal authorities have ceased to spend money trying to get new guardmen. The national defense act provided for an increase in the National Guard to 130,000. Not only did the additional 100,000 recruits fail to show up, but the number of those enrolled before the mobilization began to shrink.

**His Optimism Not Shared.**

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### MANY AT AERIAL REVEL

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The speech was a part of a celebration attending the laying of the cornerstone of the new "Starlit Bungalow," on top of the skyscraper. The eight-room, eight-ice-boxes bungalow is to be the town house of Earl Carroll, composer of "So Long Letty" and other musical offerings, and Mrs. Carroll—known as Marcelle Hontabot of the pictures—wherein young Mr. and Mrs. Carroll intend to spend a happy married life which already has lasted almost three months.

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Petonaci yesterday, following his custom as a landlord, made his tour for rent payments. Sunday was the only day he could find his hard working tenants at home.

When he entered the home of Colagero Vella he is said to have demanded the \$8 due for the two rooms in which Vella, his wife and large family live. Vella was not home. Mrs. Vella had the rent money, but she protested the payment.

The landlord should fix the broken pane of glass in the kitchen, she said. Already some of her children were suffering with colds. Also he should replace the kitchen doorknob, the loss of which made it necessary to use a fork to open the door.

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It was at this juncture that the husband came home. He heard the epithets, says Mrs. Vella, and resented them. The men came to blows, and then the landlord reached toward the right hand pocket of his overcoat. Vella pulled a revolver from his pocket, fired and fled.

For an hour Mrs. Vella and her five children had the body of the man in their rooms. Blood had ceased to flow from the wound over the left eye before she finally mustered up courage to call in a policeman. When Capt. Jones of the Third branch detective bureau arrived he found the hand of Petonaci closed upon a revolver. In an inside pocket was \$159, representing the day's collections.

A general alarm was sent out for Vella. His wife was locked up as a material witness. The children, the oldest of whom is twelve, the youngest eight months, were given over to the care of the Children's society. The victim also was married; his wife and two children now are in Italy. He lived in 440 East Thirtieth street.

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